

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of July 1, 2026

The City Council of the City of Marseilles met in the City Chamber of City Hall at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on July 1, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Hollenbeck, Commissioner Kaminski, Scheib, and Buckingham. Absent: Commissioner Small.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the minutes from the Council meeting of June 17, 2026, be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Jodi and Curt Woodall addressed the Council regarding a zoning variance application they submitted. They asked why the permit had been denied and inquired about the process for determining whether zoning permits are approved or denied.

Kayla May addressed the City Council regarding Knudson park services agreement and asked when the council would vote on the agreement. She expressed concerns about the planning process for park projects, stating that many residents feel they have lost something with the conversion of Broadway Park from a full-court basketball court to a half-court. She encouraged the council to seek public input on projects before committing funds. Kayla also raised concerns regarding lead service lines. She stated that a realtor informed her in 2022 that a home she had considered purchasing on Clark Street contained lead. She said municipalities are required to identify locations with lead service lines and make that information publicly available. Additionally, she noted that her neighborhood has experienced several water main breaks and boil orders. Commissioner Schieb made a motion to extend the speaker's time. Died for a lack of a second motion.

Steve Angel came to the council asking if the Nazarene Church has water and sewer. Tom Duttlinger said the project is under designed and submitted to IDOT, just waiting on permits from IDOT.

Michael Muncy checked in to see if his street had been looked at. He said the recreation board does not have enough money to continue with Knudson Park planning.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the accounts payable for the last half of June in the amount of \$205,015.68 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for the said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the payroll for the last half of June in the amount of \$101,036.49 be approved and a warrant

be drawn on the City Treasury for said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None. Abstain: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the operating budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that Ordinance 1915, an appropriation ordinance for fiscal year 2026-2027 be placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the maintenance engineering agreement to be performed by a consulting engineer be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the special event permit application for Marseilles Renaissance Faire to be held September 12, 2026 be approved and permit fee be waived. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Scheib reported that the City is waiting for the IDOT to execute the agreement for the Safe Routes to School project. He also stated that the City is awaiting completion of the Illinois Street sewer project before the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) project on Illinois Street can begin. Commissioner Scheib expressed concerns about changing the ordinance governing the bid-opening process, stating that he believes bids should continue to be opened during a regular City Council meeting. He suggested holding a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss any proposed changes to the ordinance. Commissioner Scheib also stated that he opposes the Knudson Park project, citing concerns about other City projects that have exceeded their original budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski the proposal for professional consulting services with JSD for Knudson Park OSLAD Grant in the amount of \$13,500 be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib. Mayor Hollenbeck clarified that \$5,000 is required for preliminary design, then if the city gets the grant the city pays the remainder.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for Illinois Street Sanitary Manhole and Sewer Rehabilitation be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that ordinance 1916, an ordinance amending section 36.15 of the municipal code of the City of Marseilles, LaSalle County, Illinois (opening and reading the bids) be adopted. Ayes:

Commissioner Kaminski, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib.

Commissioner Buckingham stated that he supports pursuing another OSLAD grant for improvements at Knudson Park. He said he would like to see a full-size basketball court included as part of the project. Commissioner Buckingham asked parents to monitor their children and encouraged residents to help prevent vandalism at the City's parks. He expressed concern about recent acts of vandalism and reminded the public that security cameras are in place at the parks. He stated that individuals identified vandalizing City property may be prosecuted.

Mayor Hollenbeck stated that he is very proud of the outcome of the Broadway Park project. He also reported that the Housing Rehabilitation Grant is progressing and announced that a public hearing will be held on July 15 at 6:00 p.m. He noted that the city has already received \$20,000 in donations, which will provide additional points in the grant application process.

City Engineer Tom Duttlinger addressed Kayla May's lead service line inventory question. He said the lead service line inventory was completed and sent to IEPA. He said the plan has been updated and is compliant with all the guidelines. He also addressed the concern about the water system, he said there is a consumer confidence report done annually and that is posted on the city website and filed with the EPA.

Mayor Hollenbeck addressed the Woodalls' petition for a variance, stating that the city has received significant public feedback regarding their request to reside in a camper. Ms. Woodall commented that they cannot be the only individuals living in campers within the City of Marseilles. City Clerk Lesley Hart reported that the variance application had been submitted to the City's zoning attorney, Nate Washburn, for review. Attorney Washburn determined that the City's zoning ordinance does not contain any provisions that would permit the requested variance. Mayor Hollenbeck suggested that the Woodalls attend the next Plan Commission meeting to determine whether the Commission would consider recommending an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would allow such a request in the future

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the City Council adjourns at 6:35 P.M. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Lesley Hart  
CITY CLERK